

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No 2981**
Akihiro KODAMA et al. : **Mail Stop: PCT**
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CONTROL DEVICE FOR AN AUGER
TYPE ICE MAKING MACHINE
[Corresponding to PCT/JP03/14021
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REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 USC 371

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the PTO Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated March 20, 2009, submitted herewith is 1) a copy of the Japanese language application, and 2) a copy of Form 101 which shows that the international application was filed with the same inventors as in the present application. Also, the number of claims in the present application is the same as in the international application.

The notification incorrectly indicates that the inventors listed in the declaration do not match the inventors listed in the international application, and that the number of claims in the present application do not match the number of claims in the international application.

During a telephone conference with Ms. Vonda Wallace it was confirmed that the translation in the present application was compared with a published application that did not correspond to the present application. Applicants were instructed to respond the March notice by supplying a copy of the Japanese language application and a copy of request form 101. Accordingly, as indicated above, these documents are submitted herewith.

It is respectfully submitted that the application as filed was complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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